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DATA EXPANDING DEVICE AND METHOD, DATA
COMPRESSING/EXPANDING SYSTEM AND
METHOD, CODE BOOK MAKING METHOD, AND
VECTOR QUANTIZING DEVICE AND METHOD

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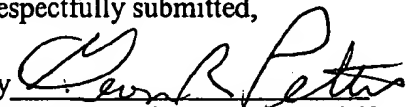
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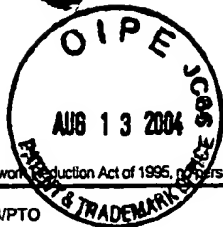
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